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MR. POCOCK ADMITS M. C. R. OPTION ALTERS THE WHOLE SITUATION

Frankly Concedes He Did Not Know of the Option and Says Engineers Planned M. C. R. Buildings For Terminals.

SUGGESTS THAT THE STATION BE PLACED ON DUNDAS STREET

Scheme in Mind Would Greatly Increase Estimate For Electrification-Hopes Road Will Exercise Option on London and Southeastern Railway.

Chairman Philip Pocock, of the hydro-electric commission, frankly stated this morning that the option held by the M. C. R. was unknown to him until published in The Advertiser; that other plans for terminals must be made; that he thought it would be best to have terminals on Dundas street. In effect, his admission was that the whole electrification scheme must be altered and the cost greatly increased, and that for the present at any rate the whole thing was up in the air.

"I had no knowledge that the Michigan Central had an option on the London and Southeastern Railway. I had no reasons for going into gatter whatever, so I did not both I about it. The engineers had planned to use these terminals. my own part, I did not think them good enough. I would prefer to have a terminal station for all radials in the central portion of the city. could get a fine situation along Dun-das street. We might come up Burwell street or some of those streets, erect our station there, and be in a much better position to handle traf-fit. As for the M. C. R., it might not be the worst thing if they did exercise the option, as it would assure the citizens that that railway would remain in London.

ENGINEERS PLANNED THE TERMINALS.

was Chairman Pocock's statement on The Advertiser's story regarding the option held Londor and Southeastern Railway by the M. C. R. He admitted that

[Special to The Advertiser.]

give the Borden naval policy a search-

ing criticism. There was a fully-at-tended caucus of Liberal members

and senators this morning. The cau-

eus was called to consider the naval

announcement made yesterday. It is

understood that a high note of pa-

triotism and imperialism was struck,

the members believing that the em-

pire could best be strengthened by the

of Parliament alone,

tion became acute," Call It Solution.

creation of an effective Canadian

Ottawa, Dec. 6 .- The Liberals will

was news to him, and also that the engineers, in his judgment, planned to electrified London and Port Stanley The cost of crossing the Grand Trunk tracks, and the money necessary to purchase land for terminals would add enormously to the cost of the scheme. It would not be done for \$890,000. It would probably cost twice that

The new phase of the question has caused the citizens to pause and won-The ramifications of the scheme are so wide that the average citizen

Borden Naval Scheme Will Be Subjected to Searching Criticism

-Sir Wilfrid Laurier Says Canadian Navy Is

True Imperial Policy.

LIBERALS IN CAUCUS



WANTED-A Man Who Understands "Operation."

L. and P. S. R. Board So Advises Council—Two Aldermen Protest.

At a meeting of the London and Port Stanley board, held at noon today, the city council was recommended to submit a bylaw to electrify the London and Port Stanley Railway, to the ratepayers in January next. The city clerk was also instructed to notify the Canadian Northern Railway Company that negotiations for the keese of the huc were carpa on and after the fate of the bylaw was decided. The discussion was not lengthy, nor were the various points in the pro-

position touched upon at all. Ald. Ashplant asked that the question be left over until the people had time to study the matter fully, and come to some conclusion. However, he was outvoted 5 to 2, only Ald. Mur-FOR CANADIAN NAVY was outvoted 5 to 2, only Ald. Ashplant's atti-

Mayor in Favor Now.

Mayor Graham explained that the object of the meeting was to make a recommendation to the council on one of the three propositions now before them-electrification, to lease the line to the C. N. R., or to allow the Lake Erie to electrify the road. Personally, he was strongly in favor of electrifica-

After the caucus the following state- tion, he said. Ald. Coles thought that some ar rangement should be made for running excursions into London. He was tic and absolutely unanimous, and of the opinion that no matter who got the road, this should be done. He thought that Thursday would be the

they always conten le 1--that there is proper day. Mayor Graham explained that this no emergency; in this they found full justification in the principle of a Canadian haval policy, which can be expanded to the full extent of it. It certainly would be done under the figures suggested in the memorandum, and this they consider the trie imperial policy. apart each week for the excursions.

In the Dark. "There are many sides to this question," said Ald. Ashplant. "I do not think we have sufficient information to decide. Here we have three propo-

"It will be threshed out on the platr, Borden's supporters were elected will follow. It proclaims in trumpet this province, It would be for Mr. tones to the world that the British form," declared Mayor Graham. "The Empire is one and indivisible; it roars people will get all the information they that the lion's whelps are beginning need. The C. N. R. offer is very to get claws and read yto use them in vague, and they offer us nothing more than we have been getting. We have instructions to keep the line an independent road and we must do that."

The Other Railways. "We do not know whether or not the other railways will come over line," continued Ald. Ashplant. "We nal says: "The rising tide in Canada lars to sheak out of Canada's duty have not the slightest bit of information to the mother country. Our country tion on the subject."

"The citizens consider this a hasty piece of business," declared Ald. Ash-"They want time to consider. plant. I am not opposed to the scheme, but I want to be able to give the people intelligent reasons for voting against it. The weekly euchre party will be I do not think there is a member of this board who can go to the people held in the South London Liberal Club, and intelligently discuss it at the

Ald. Wright declared that the questime, and that they would be in a position to discuss it intelligently and

DAVIES WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT AND ROBBERY

After being out for over an hour the jury in the case of the King against Joseph H. Davies returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of robbing, with assault. William Wilkinson, of \$180, on Nov. 16, on a farm near Crumlin. The prisoner was remanded for

sentence until morrow morning. The case was opened at nine o'clock this morning, and the jury did not retire until after twelve o'clock. The witnesses for the crown, eleven in number, were the tick. The complaint at the pre-Wilkinson, related the happenings of the day, which culminated in his being robbed of \$175. He stated that he was positive that the prisoner was his assailant, as he recognized the voice.

The Evidence. John B. Broughton, Wm. Young, and Mrs. Louisa Clipperton testified to the effect that they had seen Davis riding east on the Governor's road in the afternoon of the robbery. George A. Wenige stated that the prisoner had rented a bicycle from him on Nov. 15 with the express purpose of going to Crumlin, and stated that he, the prisoner, might not return un-

Monday following. J. E. Black swore that the prisoner had entered a store in East London late in the evening of the robbery, and had made some purchases. His clothes were torn and dirty, and when he left the store he proceeded in a westerly direction and had a bicycle.

Thomas Fox, a local pawnbroker, related how Davies had redeemed an overcoat and suit of clothes on the night of the robbery, and had also purchased a fur overcoat for \$22. The Monday following he had also made an exchange of watches and gave \$5 to boot. William Jefferson, at whose house Davies and his wife roomed, stated that the accused had not arrived home until late

in the evening.
Miss Besste Gillies and Sarah Sweet stated that Davies accomgoods from them the Monday tollowing the robbery.

John Hughes, the high constable of the county, gave evidence to the manner in which he had obtained the goods purchased by Davies and \$71 from Mrs. Davies.

No Defence Offered.

Mr. George S. Gibbons, for the defence, stated that the defence would not offer any witnesses, as he did not think the crown had presented a case on which his client could be found guilty. When the verdict was returned Judge Macbeth stated that the jury had brought in the only one possible. Court was then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

satisfactory to the dominions. The Express.

ment for closer fiscal connection. The Daily Mail. as magnificent.

STATES LORD BERESFORD; UNITS THE RIGHT PLAN Famous British Admiral Says Scheme Leaves the

Trade Routes Unprotected and Places British Isles in Danger of Starvation.

BORDEN'S IDEA IS WRONG

LAURIER CRUISER PLAN WITH STRONG BASES RIGHT IDEA

London Daily News Doubts Urgency Intimated in Borden's Speech, and Says Situation Is a Hazardous One-Fears Maintenance of Fleet in Canadian Waters Will Prove Very Costly.

New York, Dec. 6 .- A London cable says: Lord Charles Beresford apparently has foreseen grave dangers in the Borden idea, and says in the Daily Express this morning:

"What I recommended that the dominions do was to defend their end of the trade routes with strong naval bases, mines, torpedo boat destroyers and light cruisers. The trade routes are unprotected, and now our danger is starvation, not invasion. The country was deceived and fooled by statements regarding the Dreadnoughts of other nations. We were insulted by being told a Dreadnought could sink their whole fleets. The people speak of nothing but Dreadnoughts, quite forgetting that a fleet is composed of a variety of units, any one of which being defective or short, jeopardizes the whole."

DOUBTS THE URGENCY. Commenting on Premier Borden's naval speech, the Daily News doubts whether the urgency is so extreme, and fears that the political consequence will be very grave. It says:
"Unless there is a corresponding reduction in the British program of naval construction, Canada's gift will get to be a burden for the maintenance of the

Canadian ships." A HAZARDOUS STEP. The paper asks how the new development is to be reconciled with the preservation of imperial control over the foreign policy. Altogether it thinks

it is a most hazardous step. A MERE MAKESHIFT. The Morning Post says it is important to note Borden's statement does not profess to embody a permanent Canadian naval policy. He is evidently impressed by the superior organization of the imperial navy to anything Can-From the constitutional aspect the Post admits it is a beginning, of embracing the dominions in an imperial council. It is a mere makeshift, and the whole position will have to be revised and made more

CHILDREN LEAVE THE SCHOOL

The Express says Premier Borden's speech reshapes the whole meaning of empire, and establishes on a new basis once serves notice on the world that the security of our common heritage, eight million Canadians have at last It repels the direct menace of the growing see power of Germany and her allies liven if the intense intense that they must be prepared to fight if they are to be left in peace. The policy is not one her allies. Even if the intense imper- that will attract the grafter. ialism which swept away American no bribe in its hands to the party camp reciprocity did not commend co-opera- followers. It is not a hypocritical poltion to the Dominion, sheer self-inter- ley. It is a straightforward, businessest would dictate it. The burden was like, above-board program for meeting too heavy. Thus strengthened we are an emergency in the most effective invincible. It is nowhere denied there manner. must also come partnership in control

The Express finishes with an argu-

Montreal Star. The Montreal Star says:

"Borden's Burden."

Toronto, Dec. 6.—The Toronto Startakes the attitude that in addition to supplying the British admiralty with three Dreadnoughts, Canada should man and maintain them as well. It Mail's heading to an editorial which points out that instead of relieving describes Borden's speech on the navy the British taxpayer of part of his burden the Borden proposal, but in-"No policy could be more statesman- creases it in giving him three addilike or patriotic, nor could it have been thonal Dreadnoughts to maintain. proclaimed in nobler, more moving (Mr. Borden's Proposals Are Printed

5.000 TURKEYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY Scholars Acted on Instruction practically all the children walked out. In an investigation held this morning, THE TABLES OF LONDON

Local Dealer Estimates That 11,500 Turkeys, Geese, Ducks Will Be Needed at Christmas-Turkey Prices Are High at the Present.



keys, geese, ducks and chickens will be purchased for consumption in this city

3.000 ducks 910

He also stated that the demand for not be tolerated.

of the Christmas demand. country at p esent is rather un- afternoon, and as he entered the school his official capacity. The poultry situation in this section next Monday at the earliest, and the supply for the local demand cannot be correctly estimated until after that dots correctly estimated until after that date.

Prices Are Higher. The prices prevailing at present are slightly higher than those of the same lme last season, as the following com parisons will show

Dressed turkeys, per 1b...19-20c 20-21c Dressed geese, per lb....11-12c 12-121/2c pressed chickens, per lb..14-14c 15-16c The supply this season is stated on all miles of London, and have been shipping was the opinion expressed by a rail-their purchases to the West. buying the trade will be left wholly in report made no provision for termin-As soon as these shippers have ceased the hands of the local dealers, and they als other than the present terminals. expect that the prices will be about the that without these terminals the city same at Christmas as those that pre- would be required to erect a depot,

AUSTRIA AND ITALY PROTEST TO GREECE

were on parade for the first time last night since the reorganization. About the bylaw for electriof Avlona.

> [Canadian Press.] Vienna, Austria. Dec. 6. — The Austro-Hungarian and Italian ministers at Athens protested to the Greek Government today against the bombard-ment of the Albanian town of Avlona, and declared that the Greek occupa-S. seno on the Albanian coast could

it developed that the children walked of Their Parents and out on instructions from their parents, and their actions were approved by Trustees. the trustees, "not as trustees, but as Frenchmen." The action is a protest [Canadian Press.] Windsor, Dec. 6.—Inspector Engall, of against the bilingual regulations of New Year's Day would be at least half Ottawa, paid his first visit to the sep- the Whitney Government. arate school in Tecumseh Thursday The inspector was not recognized in

WHEN INSPECTOR WALKS IN

Without M. C. R. Terminals

Depot, Freight Shed and Car Barns Required and

Additional Expensive Equipment. That hundreds of thousands of dol- plans must be made. The engineers

wholesale houses have opened up branch warehouses within a radius of 25 to 30 to an arrangement with the M. C. R., with slight repairs.

He pointed out that the engineers' vailed a year ago, though they are freight sheds, car barns, and that with the land required for these the amount necessary for buildings and land there would be a clean \$100,000 added to the and colder. scheme.
Towers Cost \$600 Each.

-In addition, if the city were able to come through the Grand Trunk yards, the equipment required would run into another large amount. As at Sarnia tunnel, wire towers would be required, shown in an illustration in the Free Press recently. It is said that the Ottawa .
equipment could not be installed for Montreal less than another \$700,000.

At the lowest possible estimate, the lack of terminals for an electrified line would mean the expenditure of from

son, and also the trade is more divided.

A number of Toronto and Montreal number of Toronto and Montreal tion estimates if the city fails to come the present buildings can be utilized

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW-FAIR AND COLDER.

Forecasts. Toronto, Dec. 6-8 a.m. Today-Strong west and northwest

winds, becoming colder. Saturday-Fresh westerly winds; fair Temperatures. The following were the highest and

lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Clear Clear Fair Clear

Cloudy Weather Notes. The disturbance which was in lowa

\$200,000 to \$300,000.

A significant thing is that Mr. Beck's report makes no reference to the terminals at Richmond street, which Mayor Graham says were discussed. Mr. Pocock, in his statement, makes no mention, and frankly says that other



Both sents were hitting it up fast when seen by The London Advertiser's gallery range, special targets having argus-eyed artist today. Both were analous to get their Christmas shopping done early, but Skinny White's holds sieed seemed to need a saline include sieed seemed to need a saline injection to keep him going. Fatty Black was perspiring freely, but hitting up a merry clip. Watch for tomorrow's developments.

The cadets' time will be devoted to drill, musketry and shooting on the gallery range, special targets having the division resulting as follows:

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We may hay, the family interest if the family is

however, that his policy is altogether in accord with the views which the molested.' A Mean Policy. Witness has not ceased to express since very long before the naval ques-Telegraph

South London Liberals,

night since the reorganization. About asked to submit the bylaw for electrical days in London will easily amount to fication, and Ald. Rose seconded it.

25 boys turned out. Prospects are very bright for a prosperous winter season.

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PRESS COMMENTS ON NAVY Montreal, Dec. 6. — The Witness This would not be an ideal contribustions. Each has its merits. I cannot tion if it were offered as a permanent selection of our havel obligation of our havel obligation and the selection of our havel obligation of our havel oblighted the second of the outer of our havel obligation of our havel oblight of the outer of t on the naval issue is, of course, the very reverse of the attitude on which very reverse of the attitude on which to be simply an interim step and more how can the citizens decide? Borden to explain why he should without reference to the people inaugurate a tremendous naval policy at the hands

ment was given out by Sir Wilfrid

proud that the memorandum of the

admiralty celarly establishes what

CHAIRMAN POCOCK.

Quenec. Que., Dec. 6.-The Daily (Liberal), says: "The policy of Mr. Borden is a very mean Ottawa, Dec, 6, - The Ottawa Jour- one, a case of contributing dirty delpay a more effective part in the co-op-stration of the British peoples of the world found itself atflood yesterday in the House of Commons, when a storm we have a marine of our own is not of applicuse greeted the announcement worth anything, because by this time of the contribution of the three super- the ships won't be worth anything."

corner of Craig street and the Wort- present moment. ley road, this evening. Excellent prizes will be offered and everybody is in- tion had been before the people a long

Prisoner Was Remanded Until Tomorrow for Sentence-Evidence Appeared Conclusive That Davies Was the Man Who Robbed and Beat Wm. Wilkinson.